



CITY OF GUSTAVUS RESIDENT EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM (REESP) CLARIFICATION ON SECTION 3: COVID-19 IMPACTS ON HOUSEHOLDS

In response to questions concerning Section 3 of the City of Gustavus REESP application: COVID-19 Impacts on Households, this document will provide examples of economic harm and other negative impacts experienced by other applicants, and impacts of a general nature, that could be considered when completing the application. Considering the different ways the pandemic may have caused economic harm and/or other negative impacts to a household will assist applicants in identifying impacts for use on the application.

All of the application questions received had to do with the “Other” category of Section 3, describing how the household was impacted. An applicant would be able to mark the “Yes” checkbox if the household was negatively impacted by the pandemic due to increased costs of living. The following are examples:

- Because of the pandemic, I/my family needed to remain at home most of the day, resulting in higher utility costs, entertainment costs (e.g. internet, movies, etc.), food costs (seem to eat more when at home).
- Because of the pandemic, I needed to install/upgrade my internet or phone service so I could work from home, kids could do on-line schoolwork, and shop.
- Because of the pandemic, trips to Juneau required longer stays to receive medical care because facilities were not open fully and scheduling took additional time in town.
- Because of the pandemic, trips in/out of Gustavus were by plane versus ferry because of reduced ferry service, concern of contamination within a large group confined for over 4 hours, or reducing time spent out of Gustavus.
- Because of the pandemic, costs of provisions (food, building materials for winterizing or repairs, etc.) were higher because of local/regional/national demand. Transportation of these items typically had to come by airplane/freight service since I/we could not pick them up in Juneau.
- Because of the pandemic, I/we were not able to obtain normal food supplies because of limited/no access to fishing and hunting as I/we would have friends travel here and we would go with them.

These examples illustrate some of the different types of impacts that could cause an applicant economic harm from the pandemic; there are likely many more you can think of. If you have any questions, contact City Hall (907-697-2451) or the City Administrator (907-821-8391) for assistance.